

ATTACHMENT A

Amendments to the Claims

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) ~~An~~ A protein crystallization apparatus for carrying out a protein crystallization process comprising:

a stackable tray containing at least one sealable well comprising a plurality of sealable cylindrical wells in which a protein crystallization process may be performed when said wells are covered with a coverslip, said tray having an upper surface formed so as to be substantially coplanar with the plane of the upper openings of said plurality of sealable wells and the coverslip when placed on said openings~~an upper opening in said sealable well and sealable with a coverslip and a lower surface comprising the plane of the lowermost portions of said sealable wells, and side walls surrounding said plurality of wells, said side walls having a lowermost portion which extend~~extending beyond said lower surface of said tray comprising the plane of the lowermost portions of said sealable wells~~the lowermost surface of said sealable well, said side walls and having a lower end configuration so as to form an outer base capable of allowing~~allow said tray to be stacked on the outer portion of the upper surface of a second stackable tray positioned below the first tray while maintaining sufficient separation between the lower surface of the first tray and the upper surface~~openings of the second stackable tray below the first one and the lower surface of the sealable wells of the first stackable tray so as to allow stacking of said trays without the lower surface of the first tray impinging upon the coverslips at the upper openings of the sealable wells of the second tray stacked below the first tray and to allow protein crystallization to take place in the second tray without disruption to the coverslips~~a lid to prevent impingement of the upper well openings by the lower surface of the first tray.